

*Healthy People in a Healthy Community*



*Health Department  
Annual Report  
2019*



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Message from the Director

Public health professionals work hard every day to promote and protect the health and safety of the population. The Riley County Health Department staff is no different. From offering vaccinations to those who are uninsured to providing scholarships to families in need of child care, we are here to serve as the local resource for health needs. Many local health departments across the state, including Riley County Health Department, have implemented the Foundational Public Health Services. These are a core package of population-based preventive services, skills, programs, and activities that should be available in every Kansas community. To better serve the public, the health department has been intentional about creating a culture of evidence-based practices and continuous quality improvement to ensure the health and safety of our residents. Our 2019 projects and activities include:

**RCHD Strategic Plan 2020-2025:** Our 2017-2019 Strategic Plan Final Report is finished. We have completed the Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. Both have been presented to the Board of Health, the Public Health Advisory Coalition, and are available on our website.

**Riley County Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment:** We were very instrumental (along with other agencies) in developing and implementing the 2020 Needs Assessment. The goals of the assessment include 1) identifying the assets of the community 2) identifying unmet community needs and 3) initiating discussions to identify possible solutions to address the unmet needs. These results will be available in the spring of 2020 and we can then begin to update our Community Health Improvement Plan.

**Public Health Accreditation:** Our application for accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has been submitted and the site visit was conducted in November 2020. We received a 97% satisfaction rate and will find out if we are officially accredited in March 2020.

**Implementation of a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR):** We went “Live” with our new EMR, ezEMRz, developed by Custom Data Processing in the summer of 2019!

Visit our website ([http:// www.rileycountyks.gov/286/Health-Department](http://www.rileycountyks.gov/286/Health-Department)) or like us on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

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Administrative Director and Local Health Officer

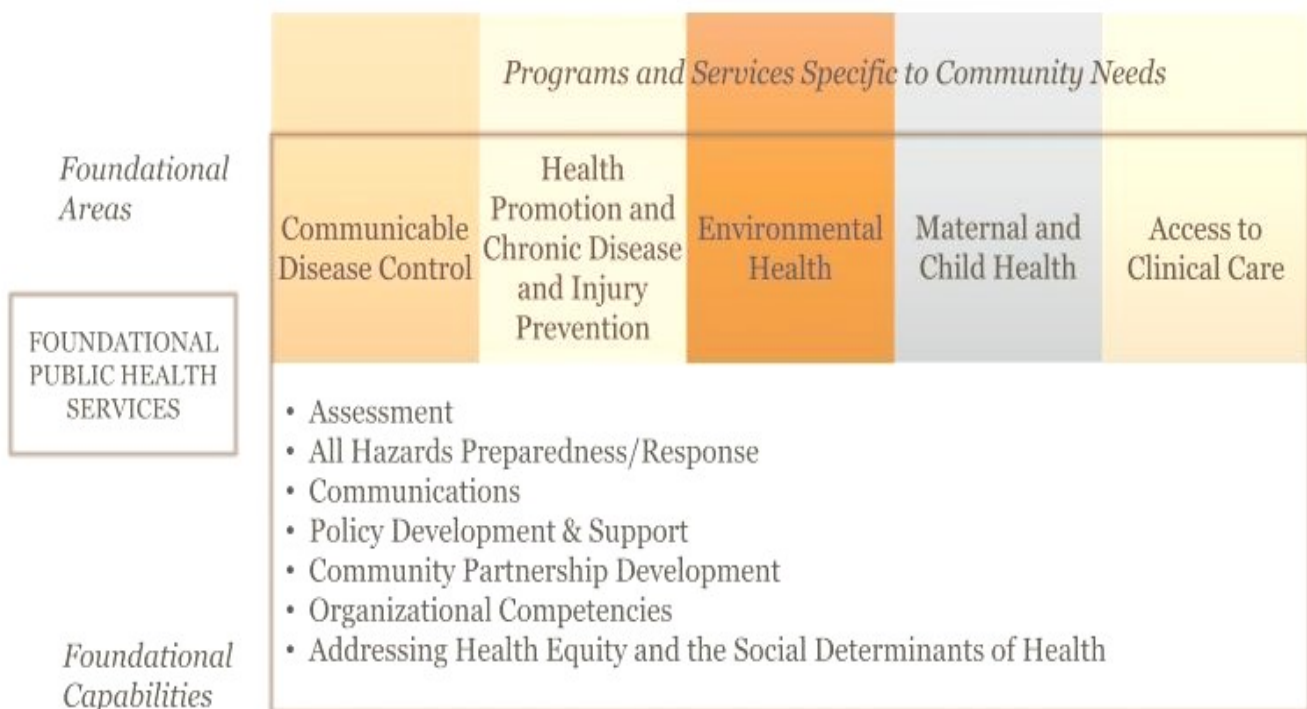
## Executive Summary

**Vision:** Healthy People in a Healthy Community

**Mission:** To promote and protect the health and safety of our community through evidence-based practices, prevention, and education

The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), which includes RCHD, has a vision of helping all Kansans achieve optimal health by providing Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). The FPHS are a package of skills, programs and activities that should be available in every community in Kansas through state or local governmental public health agencies as basic elements to keep the public safe and healthy. The model consists of Foundational Capabilities (FC) and Foundational Areas (FA). FCs are cross-cutting skills and abilities, and FAs are the substantive areas of expertise or program-specific activities. This report details some of the progress that RCHD staff have made in implementing FPHS in the last 12 months.

## Kansas Foundational Public Health Services Model



## 2019 Highlights

**Okt-Flu-Ber Fest:** This is the RCHD annual community-wide flu clinic. This year's event was a success, as clinic staff administered 585 flu shots and were able to assist more than 30 Spanish-speaking clients. With funding from the Memorial Hospital Association, the vaccine was available for uninsured adults. We handed out surveys and received 85 completed surveys, in which we were able to analyze and determine how to enhance this event!

**BugAPalooza!** The 4th annual BugAPalooza event was held in April to educate the public on personal preparedness, arboviral disease prevention, and outdoor safety. RCHD partnered with the College of Veterinary Medicine at KSU, the Public Health program, Sunset Zoo, and others throughout Riley County to provide a family-friendly educational event. A survey was available for participants to complete in order to receive a mosquito or tick prevention kit.

**Child Care Licensing in Pottawatomie:** In November 2019, the Child Care Licensing program received the Aid to Local Contract from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Pottawatomie County. CCL surveyors held a meet and greet in Wamego and 22 people attended. The CCL program hosted 13 trainings for the providers last year, in which a total of 268 providers attended.

**Accreditation Site Visit:** Staff worked hard to prepare for the Public Health Accreditation Board site visit in November 2019. This process helped the health department to find gaps and enhance their services. The site visit report showed that the health department was 97% proficient in their measures!

**Raising Riley's Family Engagement:** Activities have been increasingly popular. Love and Logic parent education classes have also been very successful (done in collaboration with Maternal and Child Health program.)

**Public Health Outreach Clinics:** RCHD held a Back to School Clinic at Everybody Counts in August 2019, in which a total of 15 kids were immunized. The clinic was also involved in the FIT Closet Screenings in August, where they screened 30 immunization records. As a result of the screening, a total of 7 families came to the clinic for immunizations, in which we were able to give out \$260 worth of free vaccines. The clinic attended Bee Wise, a part of Back to School Health Days, in August. A total of 51 clients were seen for immunizations and Hgb/Leads. The RCHD partnered with Konza Dental on this event! In November 2019, the clinic held a Back to School Catch up Event, in which 111 clients were vaccinated!

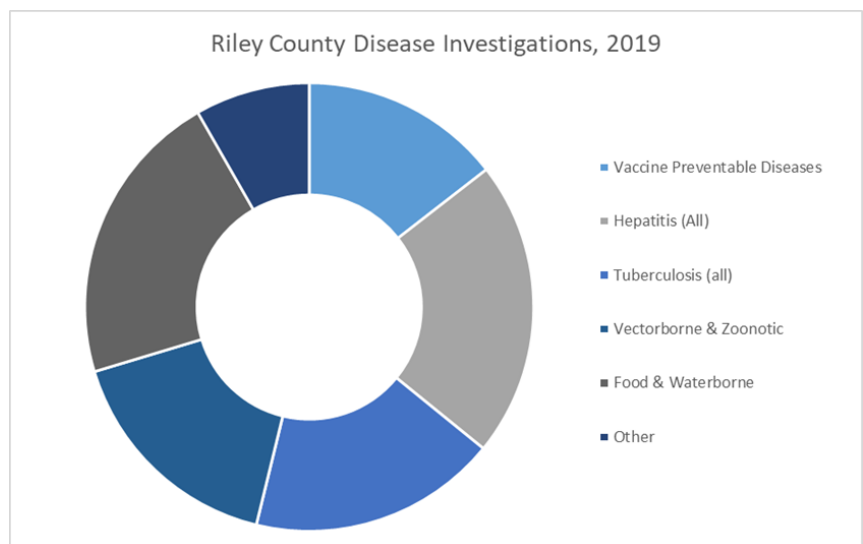


## *Providing the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)*

Foundational Public Health Services are a core package of skills, programs and activities that should be available in every community in Kansas. FPHS are primarily population-based preventive health services that are best addressed by governmental public health. FPHS consists of Foundational Capabilities (FCs) and Foundational Areas (FAs). The Foundational Capabilities are the cross-cutting skills that need to be present everywhere to ensure high-quality and equitable public health services. They are the essential skills and capacities needed to support the Foundational Areas . This report provides an overview of how RCHD implements the FCs and services in each of the FAs. For more information regarding FPHS visit: <https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14778/final-fphs-subcommittee-report.pdf>

### **Foundational Area: Communicable Disease Control**

The Communicable Disease Control area includes programs and activities to prevent and control the spread of communicable disease. Our disease investigation team investigates diseases ranging from Hepatitis B to tuberculosis, mumps, and Campylobacteriosis. In 2019, 144 disease investigations took place in Riley County. The most commonly investigated diseases were Latent Tuberculosis (LTBI), Chronic Hepatitis C, and Campylobacteriosis. Overall, the number of disease investigations increased when compared to 2018; there was an increase in Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Vectorborne and Zoonotic Disease investigations, while Hepatitis, and Food and Waterborne Diseases saw a decrease in investigations. As a part of disease surveillance efforts throughout Riley County, RCHD utilizes syndromic surveillance tools,



including partnering with school nurses to provide absenteeism data based on symptoms of illness, and the web-based application ESSENCE, the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics. ESSENCE provides near real-time emergency department admissions data. School surveillance is collected on a weekly basis. .

## **Foundational Area: Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention**

The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention area includes programs and activities for health promotion and chronic disease and injury prevention. The RCHD Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Coordinator (CDRR) works to reduce rates of tobacco use through policies and programs. Projects include:

- Providing support for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition to increase the number of tobacco-free policies in public places , including City of Manhattan parks and playgrounds
- Establishing protocols for tobacco cessation training, screening, referral , and counseling for RCHD staff
- Providing support for the Joint City-County Food and Farm Council to support a healthy food system and improved food access

### **Second hand smoke exposure**

The CDRR coordinator has worked hard to establish policies around second hand smoke and vaping exposure. The City of Manhattan smoking ordinance, originally established in 2008, was cleaned up and combined with the most recent vaping ordinance. The combined ordinance went before the City Commission in November 2019 and passed, with the exemption of patios.

The Manhattan smoke/vape ordinance is still more strict than the state's ordinance!



### **Tobacco cessation**

Many efforts are being taken to ensure that those who want to quit tobacco have the right tools to do so. Our CDRR Coordinator is providing information to all clinics and hospitals and is keeping track of referrals to the KanQuit line. In 2019, there are 19 successful referrals to the KanQuit line from Riley County residents.

### **Smoking/Vaping prevention**

Resist is a youth-led, state wide movement to fight against the tobacco industry's influence on youth in Kansas. The CDRR Coordinator has been instrumental in starting 3 Resist

Chapters with kids in Eisenhower Middle School, the Boys and Girls Club, and Manhattan High School.



**RESIST**  
Fighting the influence of Big Tobacco.

## Support and sustain a healthy food system

In August 2018, the City of Manhattan and Riley County Commissioners were proactive in signing a joint resolution to appoint a 15 member Food and Farm Council. The mission of the Council is to provide a forum for local food issues and a platform for coordinated actions to create a more healthful food system. Through a strategic visioning and planning process, the Council has brought together approximately 50 Lead Partners



who have elected to collaborate on local food system issues that would be more difficult to make progress on independently. These key stakeholders provide local food system services/products or impact outcomes in the local food system. These food system partners include restaurants, grocers, nonprofits, agencies, KSU, Fort Riley, school districts, RCDH, and other healthcare agencies/providers, faith-based community, food pantries, K-State Extension, City and County Commissioners and more!

In the fall of 2019, the Food and Farm Council, along with their Lead Partners formed three Community Action Teams (CATs). The CATs have identified 3 food system priority issues; waste, food insecurity, education (food skills, nutrition, safety). These teams have completed prioritizing suggested solutions work sessions to help identify estimated costs, risks, feasibility, resources needed, timeline, potential impact, and long-term sustainable outcomes for each suggested solution. This work was a key part of partner engagement and assurance that selected solutions would provide best outcomes.

The CATs are now self-selecting committees to begin action planning for the selected solutions. This includes 9 current committees taking action. Examples include work with local institutional food service settings to serve as waste reduction champions for food recovery along with encouraging minimizing household waste; expanding the number of free meal locations to better serve the needs; and increasing food skills educational services for multiple community audiences.

## Foundational Area: Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Cont.,

We collaborate with community partners to reduce injuries in the in Riley County. Safe Kids Riley County meets quarterly and is currently working on ways to ensure Riley County residents in dire need of a car seat have access to one in a more streamlined process.

RCHD, along with other community agencies, organized and assisted with a weekly “Safe Kids” Car Seat Safety Check Lane at the Manhattan Fire Department from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In 2019, Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) in the community checked and installed 178 car seats to ensure proper use and installation. Twenty-five free car seats were provided to caregivers through the grant.



In September of 2019, Safe Kids Riley County hosted a Bucks for Buckles event at two local fast food restaurants. Coalition members from Riley County Emergency Medical Services, Manhattan Fire Department, Life Choice Ministries, Saint Francis Community Services, Riley County Police Department, and Riley County Health Department provided 88 drivers with a dollar bill for having everyone in their vehicle safely buckled up and provided education on the importance of buckling up to 15 drivers who were unrestrained. This was a great opportunity to gather our community partners and reward local drivers for seat belt safety! Our coalition hopes to participate in this activity each year.

The Riley County Health Department received funding through two separate mini grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Injury Prevention Program in 2019. Items purchased included Pack N Plays, car seats, baby gates, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, flashlights, cabinet locks, and outlet protectors.

Throughout the year, staff provide and fit community members with bike helmets to assure their safety while riding. In 2019, over 300 families attended bike safety programs held in the community and 47 free helmets were distributed throughout the year!



## Foundational Area: Environmental Health

Environmental Health area includes programs and activities to prevent and reduce exposure to environmental hazards. The Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program enforces laws and regulations set forth by KDHE in Riley, Geary, Clay and Dickinson Counties. Overall, the number of annual inspections in 2018 were similar to 2019 for each of the inspected counties while our complaint investigations almost doubled. Our CCL Surveyors also aim to educate providers and the community. The CCL program offers monthly orientation to prospective providers. This year 27 people attended in Riley County, 16 people attended in Geary County, 7 people attended from Clay County and 3 attended from Dickinson County. The CCL Program hosted two regulation review trainings and 28 facilities attended as well as a School Age Training with 27 participants. The CCL team along with Raising Riley and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

presented an Emergency Preparedness Training for home providers, 24 facilities attended.

K.S.A. 65-202 requires that the local health officer make an annual sanitary inspection of each school building/grounds. RCHD collaborates with the Riley County Environmental Health Specialist to complete inspections of all schools in Riley County. In 2019, inspections were completed for 17 schools in three school districts. By the end of 2019, 100% of schools passed or completed all recommended corrections. The number of schools requiring corrections decreased from 2018. K.S.A. 65-159 gives county boards of health the authority to examine all public health nuisances that may affect the health of residents. In 2019, 9 potential public health nuisances were investigated: 5 residences, 1 mobile home park, 2 apartments, and 1 business.

2018-2019 Child Care Licensing Summary		
Category (Riley County)	2018	2019
Initial Inspections	17	15
Annual Inspections	107	100
KDHE Compliance Inspections	19	19
Facility Complaint Inspections	11	23
Illegal Care Inspections	10	7
Category (Geary County)	2018	2019
Initial Inspections	7	6
Annual Inspections	37	36
KDHE Compliance Inspections	10	24
Facility Complaint Inspections	9	15
Illegal Care Inspections	6	1
Category (Clay County)	Half of 2018	2019
Initial Inspections	2	4
Annual Inspections	11	21
KDHE Compliance Inspections	3	2
Facility Complaint Inspections	3	2
Illegal Care Inspections	0	0
Category (Dickinson County)	----	Half of 2019
Initial Inspections		7
Annual Inspections		16
KDHE Compliance Inspections		3
Facility Complaint Inspections		1
Illegal Care Inspections		0

## Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health

The Maternal and Child Health area includes programs and activities for the prevention of developmental impairments and life-threatening illnesses in mothers and children.

Raising Riley began implementation of Family Engagement and Parent Education programs for our community. 144 children and parents came to the Family and Child Resource Center in 2019 to join in Family Engagement activities or Parenting classes. Eleven families have joined RR at the library where they've been introduced to all the wonderful things available to them there



and assisted with getting library cards for their children. Thirty Camp Kindergarten participants and their families came to the FCRC building to enjoy Kindergarten Supply distribution. Each child received all the supplies they'd need for kindergarten. In December, 5 parents and 5 children joined the RR team for a fun evening at ieDiscoveries. They were able to engage in amazing STEAM activities, healthy snacks and socialization.

Raising Riley and Maternal and Child Health provided six sessions of Love and Logic for parents. Through these six sessions 25 parents were provided information about positive behavior supports for their children. Continuing development of the Family Engagement and Parent Education program will include regular sessions of these programs:

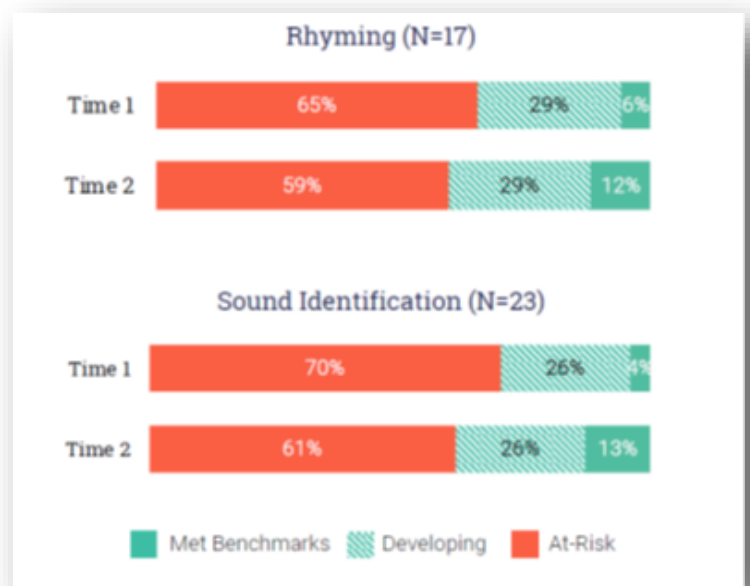
- Play and Learn events will be one hour workshops to help parents understand how children play and why it matters developmentally. Additionally, they will learn how to make the most of their child's free play and how to integrate education naturally into their play time.
- Monthly activities and free play time at ieDiscoveries.
- Circle of Security is a parenting series that guides families to focus on secure attachment relationships. Secure attachments set the foundation for social competence, effective emotional regulation and stress responses.

## Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health

For 21 years, through funding from the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund's Early Childhood Block (ECBG) Grant, Raising Riley has been providing child care financial assistance to at-risk families to improve the affordability of child care. The scholarship program allows qualifying parents/guardians that live in the Manhattan/Riley County area to receive financial assistance for child care if the preschool/daycare provider accepts RR funds. In 2019, Raising Riley provided tuition assistance for 202 children from 185 families.



Raising Riley's Camp Kindergarten continued to display effectiveness in its fifth year of operation. Thirty children participating were assessed with the myIGDIs Literacy+. The graphs represent their progress in the categories of Rhyming and Sound Identification. The children showed improvement in all subtests. The percentage of children in the At-Risk tier decreased from time one to time two, while the percentage in the School Ready tier increased in both areas.



## **Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health cont.,**

Through 59 professional development offerings, the Raising Riley and Child Care Licensing programs collaborated to provide 117 hours of KDHE approved professional development for child care providers, parents, and community members. The attendance total for the year was 894.

With an increased ECBG award Raising Riley was able to begin the implementation of Family Engagement and Parent Education programs for our community. Ten families came to the Family and Child Resource Center to experience creative nature fun through building Fairy Gardens. Three families joined RR in a visit to the library to introduce all the wonderful things available to them there and to assist with getting library cards for their children. The 30 Camp Kindergarten participants and their families came to Kindergarten Supply night to “shop” for what they’d need for kindergarten. In December, seven families with 12 children joined the RR team for Grinchmas! Art activities, healthy snacks and socialization were enjoyed by all the families.

Raising Riley and Maternal and Child Health provided six sessions of Conscious Discipline for parents. Through these six sessions 16 parents were provided information about positive behavior supports for their children. Continuing development of the Family Engagement and Parent Education program will include regular sessions of these three programs:

- Purposeful Play will be a one hour workshops to help parents understand how children play and why it matters developmentally. Additionally, they will learn how to make the most of their child's free play and how to integrate education naturally into their play time.
- Love and Logic provides parents of young children (birth-6 years) with practical and proven tools for raising respectful, responsible, and happy kids! In this series parents will learn:
- Make Parenting a Pleasure is a series that guides families to focus on positive parenting techniques and to enjoy their relationship with their child.

## **Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health cont.,**

In 2019, the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Newborn Home Visitor had a total of 152 visits. During the visit, mom receives breastfeeding assistance, a weight check of baby, "The New Mom's Handbook", a newborn assessment, and information and education on safe sleep, car seat safety and child development.

The MCH nurse visits Via Christi hospital twice a week to promote the MCH Newborn Home Visit to postpartum mothers. Collaborating in this way gives the nurse an opportunity to make a warm, personal referral and answer any questions the family may have about the Newborn Home Visit. This collaboration has allowed the MCH nurse to make contact with 160 women and makes referrals to other HD programs or other Community agencies.

The MCH program, under the Outreach, Prevention and Early Intervention Services (OPEI) grant, provides weekly intensive home visiting services to at-risk families. The MCH program has two Social Workers on staff to provide these intensive home-based services. In 2019 the Social Workers worked with families to identify personal goals and the families received a family engagement incentive once the goal was met. All families met at least one goal and received the incentive.

MCH staff taught 71 Becoming a Mom® prenatal classes with a total attendance of 403 clients, which includes support persons. This year, the participants were given a choice of a pack and play, stroller, bouncer, baby monitor, or high chair at the completion of all 6 classes and all participants receive diapers or wipes. A total of 67 participants received a Becoming a Mom® gift. MCH collaborates with community partners as guest speakers during our classes. Konza Prairie Community Health Center as well as Pawnee Mental Health are guest speakers during two of our classes. An extensive list of resources found in Riley County is also shared with participants.





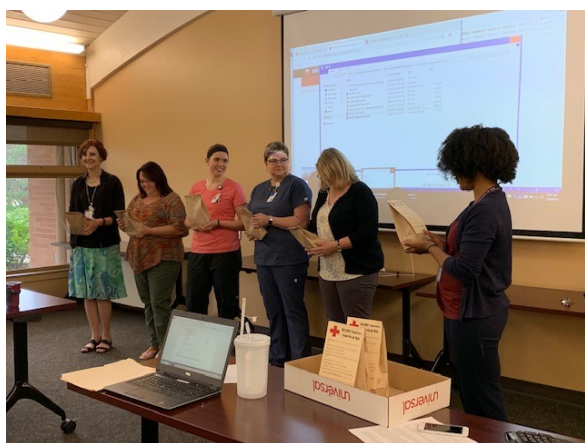
## **Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health cont.,**

MCH staff served 167 prenatal and 155 post-partum maternal and infant clients, which led to 433 total visits. During these visits the nurse listens to fetal heart tones and provides educational information on the developmental stages of baby. Nurses also discuss keeping mom healthy and talking about perinatal mood disorders.

RCHD staff are also members of the Riley County Perinatal Coalition (RCPC). The coalition works to improve access to prenatal care and reduce infant mortality rates. The coalition is comprised of organizations such as USD 383, Via Christi, EMS, Pawnee Mental Health, The Women's Health Group and many others. An initiative of the Perinatal Coalition, the Perinatal Grant is designed to provide access to prenatal care and expand prenatal education by targeting at-risk women with no access to medical insurance and promoting equity in birth outcomes. In collaboration with the Women's Health Group and Via Christi Hospital, the perinatal grant provided prenatal care to 17 clients in 2019 who were ineligible for insurance. This grant has helped to steadily decrease the number of women with no prenatal care who make emergency room visits for delivery.

## **Foundational Area: Access to Clinical Care**

The clinic provides programs for assuring access to specific preventive and primary care clinical services. To support families in planning and spacing pregnancies, RCHD provides



reproductive health services. In 2019, 1,017 women and 183 males received contraceptive services. In addition, clinic staff identify and treat minor gynecological diseases. Nurses administered 1,669 tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV for males and females. Vaccines to prevent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) were provided to 119 female and male clients and 204 female clients received a

Pap Smear to screen for cervical cancer, while 43 were referred for treatment of abnormal results. Of the 204 pap smears done, 154 of them were tested for high risk HPV viruses.

The Early Detection Works (EDW) program provides breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests, and diagnostic services for qualified women. Regular screening and treatment can reduce deaths from breast and cervical cancer. In 2019, 48 women participated in the program.

## Foundational Area: Access to Clinical Care, cont.

Integrated Intake and Referral System (IRIS) implementation began in May 2018. Developed by University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research, IRIS is a web-based tool that helps agencies refer families for services. Referrals can be tracked and followed on one online location to ensure that families do not fall through the cracks . Currently, there are 35 community partners using IRIS in addition to six health department program. Since implementation began in May 2018, 890 referrals have been sent out and 869 have been received in IRIS.

WIC staff help pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five access healthy foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding assistance, as well as referrals to other health services. The WIC program completed 3,565 certifications for services In addition, WIC staff made a total of 73,350 referrals to partners.

WIC's proven benefits in the community include decreasing infant mortality, improving birth

outcomes, achieving healthcare savings and contributing to the local economy. WIC team continues to strive toward increased breastfeeding incidence and duration.

Breastfeeding rates were: 82.9% breastfeeding initiation rate, 41.8% duration rate at 6 months, and a 26% exclusive breastfeeding rate among clients served by the Riley County WIC agency.

To ensure the health and safety of citizens, RCHD enforces local, state, and federal health regulations. The local WIC vendor manager monitors local grocery stores to ensure they abide by the state and federal guidelines for food delivery. WIC benefits, redeemed at local stores, bring in substantial revenue to the local economy. WIC dollars spent in Manhattan stores totaled \$755,946.



## Capabilities: Assessment

The assessment capability includes activities for the collection and analysis of public health data.

According to the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, Riley County ranked 5th (out of 102 counties) for all health

County Health Rankings Trend Data						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Health Outcomes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>

County Health Factors Trend Data						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Health Outcomes	12 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>

outcomes, such as length and quality of life. Riley County is consistently amongst the healthiest counties in Kansas . Riley County ranked 21st for all health factors such as physical environment, clinical care, health behaviors and social and economic factors. Areas for improvement in Riley County include poor mental and physical health days, sexually transmitted diseases, and severe housing problems. However, we are above state average in flu vaccinations, the ratio of doctors to patients, and below state average for premature death rates.

## Capabilities: Policy Development and Support

It is the responsibility of the local health department to develop and implement public health policy. It is also up to the health department to inform the community about the health policies and the reasoning behind them. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is an approach to policy development that includes considering the impact on health when policy decisions are made across sectors in order to improve population health and health equity. All RCHD staff participated in a HiAP training facilitated by the Kansas Health Institute, In spring 2019, in collaboration with the Greater Northview Action Team, a HiAP training was made available to the public. The mini-training was also made available to members of the Public Health Advisory Council and the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition.



## Capabilities: Organizational Competencies

In 2019, RCHD staff continued to implement the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. Staff worked to make progress towards goals and objectives in four strategic priority areas

- Promote and Protect Health
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Quality and Sustainability
- Skilled and Engaged Staff

Read the Strategic Plan Annual Report here: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1127/About-Us>



The strategic plan includes a goal to identify key public health personnel to develop a protocol for Public Health (PH) Alert notifications and provide them access to Everbridge. From there, RCHD will develop health alerts in Everbridge and go live with the notification system by publicizing Public Health Alert notification availability and instructions for signing up to all current users. The most recent Public Health Alert (back to school immunizations) was sent to a total of 6,643 contacts. We will continue to utilize the system and re-advertise availability of the public health alert notifications on a pre-determined schedule set forth in the protocol.

Another goal in the strategic plan is to implement a branding strategy for the health department. RCHD received a \$25,000 grant through the Kansas Health Foundation to improve our branding across the board, and in turn, enhance our marketing and communications. This will help us to reach individuals in the community who may need our services but are unaware of what we have to offer or how to access it! Our completion date for a comprehensive strategy to be in place is the summer of 2020.



## Capabilities: Community Partnership

The health department is a lead agency for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition (FHWC). The coalition is organized for the purpose of convening and building the capacity of the community to make progress towards a healthy, equitable community through policies, systems, environments, and individual change. According to results from the Community Need Assessment (2015), child care, mental health, food insecurity, transportation, and communication and collaboration of services were among some of the top concerns of our community. Because of this, a Child Care Taskforce was created to advance the affordability, availability, and quality of child care in Riley County. The FHWC also developed several other committees, including the Mental Health Taskforce, the Nutrition Leadership Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Community Care Team. RCHD has a variety of different partners such as:

- City of Manhattan Safe Routes to School
- City of Manhattan Bike and Pedestrian Committee
- Early Childhood Taskforce
- Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 Workgroup (Public Health and Medical Services)
- Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, Lead Agency
- Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
- Kansas State University Master's of Public Health Advisory Council
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Northeast Kansas Healthcare Coalition, Vice Chairman
- Safe Kids Coalition, Lead Agency
- Manhattan Area Risk Prevention Coalition
- Riley County Perinatal Coalition, Co-Chair
- Riley County Council on Social Services, Member
- Wildcat Region PHEP





## **Capabilities: Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health**

Health department staff support and participate in initiatives to respond to health disparities and the needs of vulnerable populations. In 2017, the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition received a Health Equity grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. coalition members, including RCHD provide support for the Northview Rising Team (NRT) in making policy, systems, and environmental change. The NRT has worked to increase neighborhood representation by serving on 6 community boards.

An initiative of the FHWC in 2018 the Riley County Community Care Team (CCT) launched. The CCT meets weekly to help community members, often in crisis, coordinate care and connect to services across agencies. The CCT includes members from over 12 social service agencies, including RCHD staff. The team discusses 6-10 clients per meeting.

Staff continue to engage in training opportunities to assure that services are provided in a culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible formats. Employees had a total of 1,854 combined hours of training for 2019! Staff complete cultural competency training and self-assessments annually. Staff completed an American Disabilities Act Self-Assessment and make improvements to assure services are accessible to the public.

## **Capabilities: Communications**

RCHD works to communicate the role of public health to the general public and policymakers. Andrew Adams, Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Coordinator, presented about ESSENCE and its uses at RCHD during the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) Mid-Year Meeting in Wichita. Andrew also led the Public Health Merit Badge course during the 2018 Kansas State University Boy Scouts Merit Badge Conference. In November, he presented on public health emergency preparedness in the state, and how the program, and health departments statewide interact with first response agencies and other partners in the community. Several staff have been interviewed on KMAN Radio Station, by the Manhattan Mercury, and other news outlets, on a wide-range of topics. In 2018, RCHD worked with IT/GIS to create a new webpage to communicate with and educate the public about influenza, which was updated throughout 2019 to include updated clinic locations and dates, vaccine information, and surveillance data.

## **Capabilities: All Hazards Response**

Every year, RCHD Staff participate in mock activities to prepare for, and respond to public health emergencies. During 2019, RCHD staff participated in a total of 12 drills, exercises, and trainings related to preparedness, response, and recovery with partners through the county, region, and state. The Riley County ESF 8 Work Group met on multiple occasions in 2019, bringing together public health, emergency management, EMS, and local healthcare providers to ensure a more prepared county when dealing with health and medical issues during emergency and non-emergency situations.

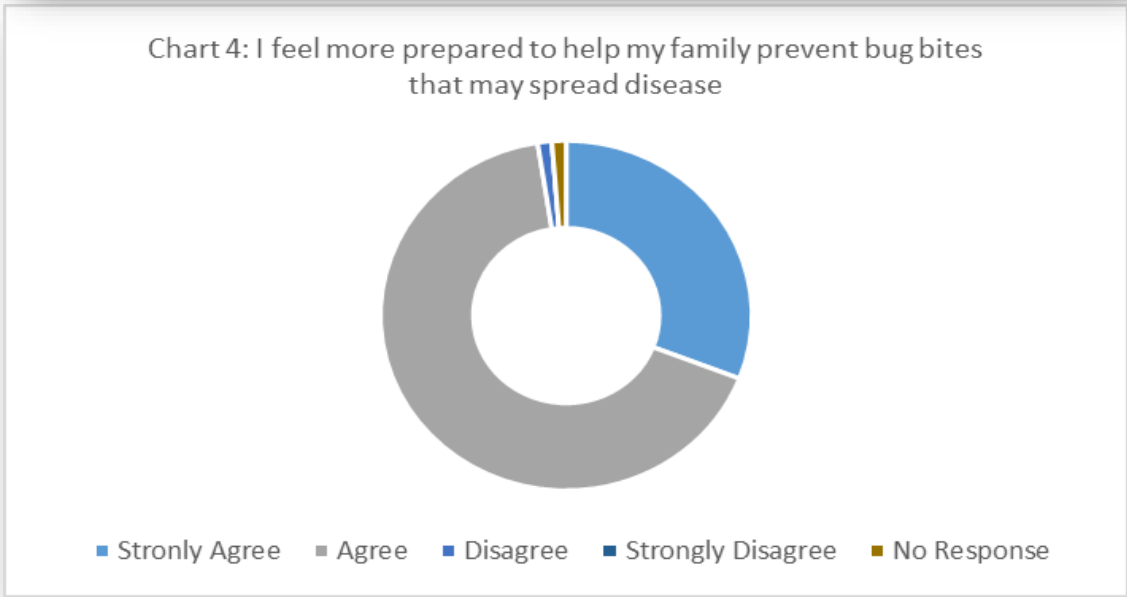
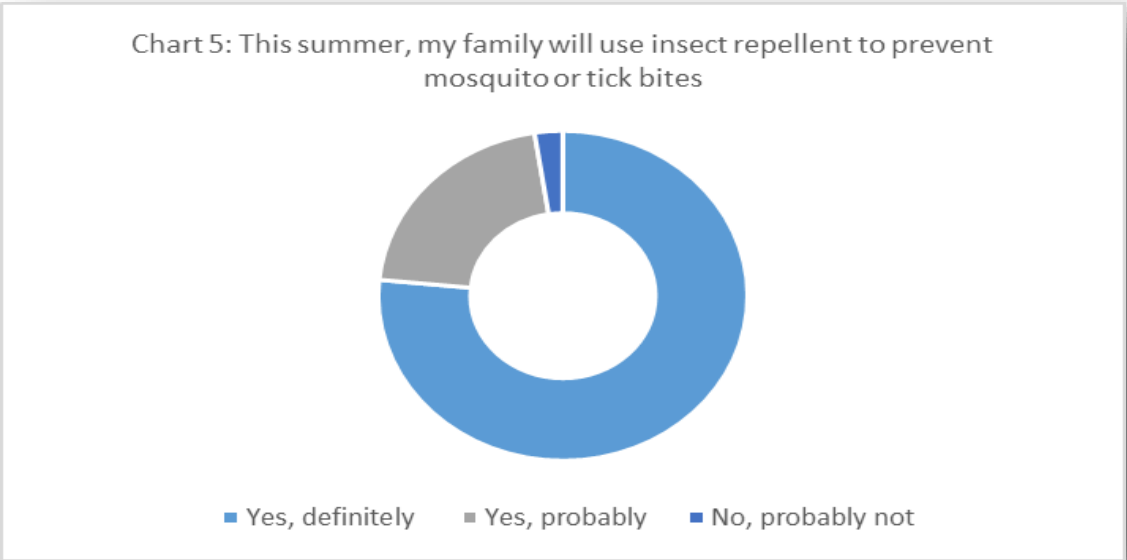
During the summer of 2019, RCHD played a role in the preparedness and response efforts surrounding the water levels and potential flooding at Tuttle Creek Lake. RCHD worked alongside partners in emergency operations to coordinate actions throughout the city and county. As a way to better prepare the county, RCHD worked with RC IT/GIS, the city of Manhattan, and RC EMS to develop a medical needs survey for residents who may have been adversely affected by the flooding. As a result of those efforts, a new webpage was created on the county website: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1856/Medically-Vulnerable-Population-Registry> where citizens can complete a form alerting public health and other emergency response officials of medical needs, before an emergency occurs. RCHD nurses also administered over 100 vaccinations for first responders and citizens who may have been adversely affected by flooding.



# Capabilities: All Hazards Response

The 4th annual BugAPalooza event was held in April to educate the public on personal preparedness, arboviral disease prevention, and outdoor safety. RCHD partner with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, the Public Health program, Sunset Zoo, and other partners throughout Riley County to provide a family-friendly educational event. A survey was available for participants to complete in order to receive a mosquito or tick prevention kit.

The survey gathered data from respondents about their knowledge and attitude towards ways to prevent insect bites, including wearing protective clothing and using insect repellent.



## **A Message from the Board of Health**

Riley County Health Department (RCHD) is governed by three Riley County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health (BOH). We are committed to the RCHD vision, *Healthy People in a Healthy Community*. We accomplish this by supporting the implementation of evidence-based programs and services in the each of the areas of the Foundational Public Health Services Model:

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
Communicable Disease Control  
Environmental Health  
Maternal, Family and Child Health  
Access to and Linkages with Clinical Care

Learn more about the Foundational Public Health Services Model here: <https://www.khi.org/policy/article/17-16>

As stewards of public funds we are committed to supporting the provision of services that are high quality and sustainable. This year we have supported and participated in the following health department activities:

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness:** In 2019, the BOH participated in a Wildcat Region Infectious Disease Tabletop Exercise. County Commissioners alongside Health Department, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff from three counties (Riley, Geary, and Pottawatomie) practiced responding to a hypothetical multi-county outbreak. The tabletop exercise allowed each county to evaluate their readiness to respond to public health emergencies.

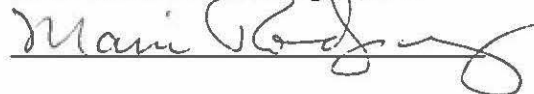
**Public Health Accreditation Board Site Visit:** After the lengthy process of submitting documents and preparing for the site visit, the BOH was interviewed by the site visit team in November 2019. After the interview with the BOH, the health department met with the site visit team. The visit lasted 2 days. The report was favorable to the health department! The accreditation process will help with becoming a more credible health department, which will not only help to increase the number of clients we see, but will also help us to be more competitive when applying for grants.

**Public Health Funding:** Innovative funding models are needed to sustain public health programs. The BOH approved matching funds enabling RCHD staff to apply for eight Aid to Local Grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, including a new Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant. Additionally, the BOH approved 12 additional health department grants applications to local, state, and national foundations.

**Food and Farm Council:** The BOH has been very active in the Food and Farm Council, since it was established 2 years ago. The council will identify and prioritize needs and make recommendations that promote, support, and strengthen access to local, healthy, safe, affordable food. The Council will also educate and advise the City/County Commissions on local food system needs. In the fall of 2019, the BOH attended workshops and meetings to address food insecurity, food waste and food skills education in the community. To learn more about the Food and Farm Council visit: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1127/About-Us>

We invite you to join us at our Commission meetings each Monday and Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers or submit your ideas, comments or questions to <http://rileycountyks.gov/29/County-Commissioners>. Only together can we collectively impact the health, safety, and quality of life in Riley County. We look forward to your participation!

Commissioner Marvin Rodriguez, Chair



## **Riley County Public Health Advisory Council Statement**

The Riley County Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) is chartered to provide the Riley County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with input, insights and comments for administration of community public health. The BOCC is responsible for public health leadership, management and planning, functioning thru the Riley County Health Department (RCHD). The PHAC operates with the RCHD, to provide the BOCC with timely, pertinent information on the current state of public health and future threats and opportunities. The PHAC is comprised of citizens interested in public health and Riley County with varied expertise.

We view our role as:

- Advisory to BOCC on vision, management and planning for public health and preparedness in our community.
- Review local environment, systems and policies.
- Advocate for public health, preparedness and RCHD services which support such.
- Develop policies, procedures, regulations and legislation initiatives for BOCC and RCHD.
- Gather information, perceptions and opinions from citizens, civic groups and professionals regarding public health and preparedness.

In the preceding year, the PHAC has continued its support and monitoring for past initiatives including, the 2019 Community Needs Assessment, the Public Health Accreditation process, and county preparedness. The PHAC continues to address the issues deriving from Fake Patty's Day activities, as well as any other activity in the area that may lead to risky behaviors. Much of our efforts this past year have been within the mental health community, preparedness, vision, advocating, Emergency Medical Service and hospital issues and assisting RCHD with its accreditation assessment. Our community faces budgetary constraints as most communities do, however with our community's growth, such limitations greatly challenge our ability to respond and plan for public health issues. We strive to provide the BOCC with meaningful insights and recommendations within the constraints they have established.

We live in a rapidly changing environment with new opportunities and threats which have potential to impact the wellbeing and prosperity of our community. It requires leadership with vision and insights to take advantage of the new opportunities and defend against the multiple threats; we at the PHAC provide our BOCC leaders the input and insights to respond to such for our entire community's benefit.

Daniel Winslow

PHAC, Chair



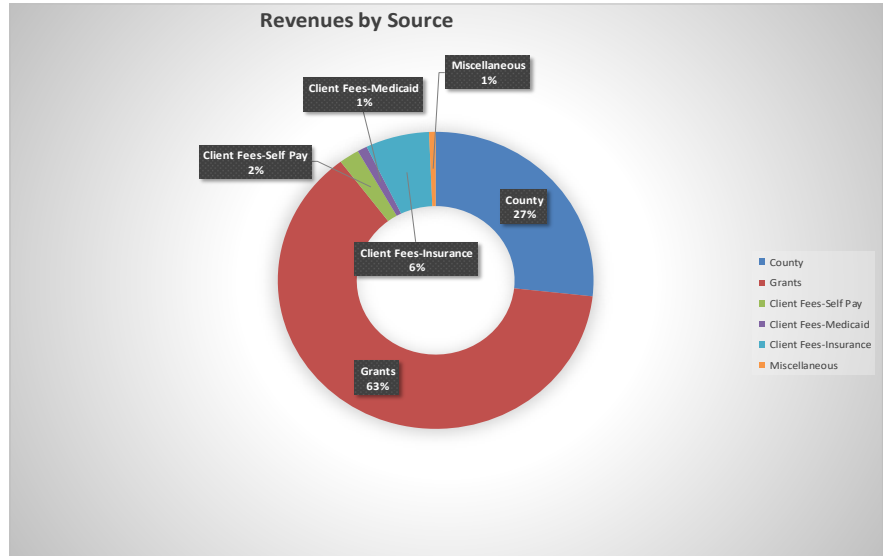
# Financial Statement

Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period of January 1—December 31, 2019

**Beginning Balance**      **\$ 1,357,241.59**

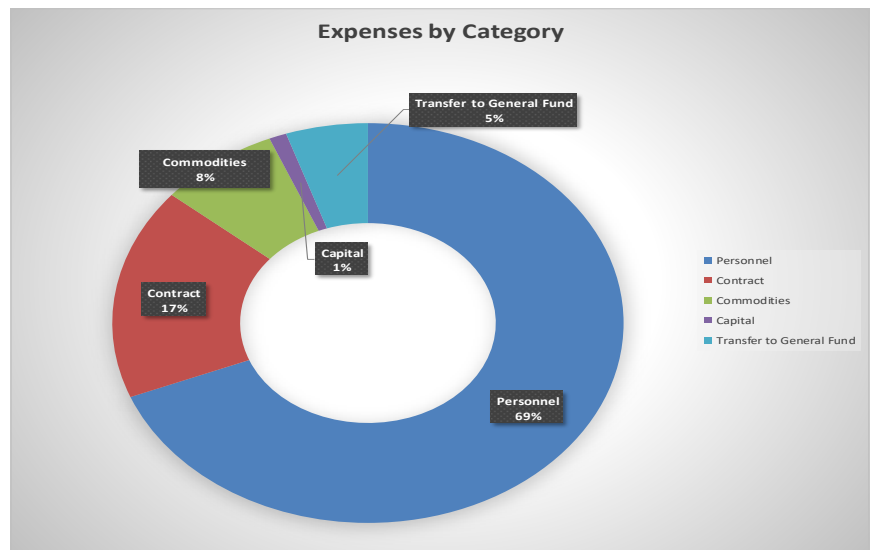
## Revenue

County	\$ 1,154,526.00
Grants	\$ 2,722,079.58
Client Fees-Self Pay	\$ 89,741.87
Client Fees-Medicaid	\$ 43,286.75
Client Fees-Insurance	\$ 282,015.19
Miscellaneous	\$ 29,111.24
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,760.63</b>



## \*Expenses

Personnel	\$ 3,057,067.08
Contract	\$ 758,546.69
Commodities	\$ 338,479.89
Capital	\$ 48,893.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,432,987.41</b>



**Ending Balance**      **\$ 1,245,014.81**

\*These numbers are preliminary and are as of reports dated 01/31/19. Numbers will not be finalized until later in 2020.